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Letter dated 3 May 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 11 April 2012 addressed to you (A/66/773-S/2012/217), I have the honour to draw your attention to ongoing violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded from 1 to 31 March 2012, as follows:

On 1 March 2012, one Cougar Turkish military helicopter violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia area control centre (ACC) between 1438 and 1515 hours.

On 1 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering the Nicosia flight information region (FIR) from point KERIS at 1528 hours and exiting from point TOSCA at 1717 hours, without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 2 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering the Nicosia FIR from 9NM east of point DOREN at 1150 hours and violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1156 and 1211 hours, without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 2 March 2012, one Cougar Turkish military helicopter violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1230 and 1306 hours without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.

On 2 March 2012, two Cougar Turkish military helicopters violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1403 and 1523 hours without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 4 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1425 hours (take-off time) and 1437 hours and the international air traffic regulations by flying within the Nicosia FIR

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between 1437 and 1446 hours until exiting from point DOREN without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 5 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from point DOREN at 1057 hours and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1103 and 1115 hours (landing time) without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. The same aircraft again violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1624 hours (take-off time) and 1634 hours and the international air traffic regulations by flying within the Nicosia FIR between 1634 and 1640 hours until exiting from point DOREN without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 6 March 2012, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from 16NM east of point DOREN at 1112 hours and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1115 and 1130 hours (landing-time) without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. The same aircraft again violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1437 hours (take-off time) and 1444 hours and international air traffic regulations by flying within the Nicosia FIR between 1444 and 1450 hours until exiting from 3NM east of point DOREN without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 6 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from 20NM east of point VESAR at 1705 hours and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1707 and 1726 hours (landing time) without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. The same aircraft again violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 2048 hours (take-off time) and 2100 hours and the international air traffic regulations by flying within the Nicosia FIR between 2100 and 2109 hours until exiting from point VESAR without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 6 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from 5NM south of point EVENO at 1819 hours and exiting from point EVENO at 1830 hours without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 7 March 2012, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from 10NM east of point DOREN at 1130 hours and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1137 and 1153 hours (landing time) without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. The same aircraft again violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1732 hours (take-off time) and 1740 hours and international air traffic regulations by flying within the Nicosia FIR between 1740 and 1747 hours until exiting from 5NM east of point DOREN without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 7 March 2012, one Cougar Turkish military helicopter violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 0927 and 1028 hours without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 7 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from point KERIS at 1400 hours and

exiting from point ALKIS at 1521 hours, without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 7 March 2012, one Turkish military helicopter violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC between 0957 and 1450 hours.

On 8 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from 16NM east of point DOREN at 1427 hours and exiting from 15NM east of point VESAR at 1510 hours without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 8 March 2012, two F-4 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from 25NM south of point DOREN at 1431 hours and exiting from 58NM east of point VESAR at 1520 hours without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. No Friend or Foe codes were detected.

On 9 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from 12NM east of point DOREN at 1758 hours and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1803 and 1815 hours (landing time) without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. The same aircraft again violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1841 hours (take-off time) and 1851 hours and the international air traffic regulations by flying within the Nicosia FIR between 1851 and 1859 hours until exiting from point DOREN without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 9 March 2012, one Cougar Turkish military helicopter violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC between 1400 and 1422 hours.

On 11 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from 10NM south of point DOREN at 1219 hours and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1229 and 1244 hours (landing time) without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 12 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from 8NM east of point VESAR at 1151 hours and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1154 and 1218 hours (landing time) without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. The same aircraft again violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1534 hours (take-off time) and 1545 hours and the international air traffic regulations by flying within the Nicosia FIR between 1545 and 1551 hours until exiting from point VESAR without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 13 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from point VESAR at 0935 hours and exiting from 5NM east of point VESAR at 1124 hours without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 13 March 2012, three F-16 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from 30NM south of point DOREN at 1045 hours and exiting from 60NM east of point VESAR at 1133 hours without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 13 March 2012, one GLF-4 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from 10NM east of point DOREN at 0850 hours and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 0855 and 0907 hours (landing time) without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. The same aircraft again violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 0948 hours (take-off time) and 0954 hours and international air traffic regulations by flying within the Nicosia FIR between 0954 and 0957 hours until exiting from point DOREN without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 13 March 2012, one Cougar Turkish military helicopter violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1220 and 1315 hours without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 13 March 2012, one GLF-4 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from 10NM east of point DOREN at 2105 hours and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 2110 and 2122 hours (landing time) without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. The same aircraft again violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 2146 hours (take-off time) and 2151 hours and international air traffic regulations by flying within the Nicosia FIR between 2151 and 2155 hours until exiting from point DOREN without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 13 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 0930 and 1329 hours without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 15 March 2012, two F-16 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR between 1043 and 1048 hours until exiting from 75NM east of point VESAR without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. No Friend or Foe codes were detected.

On 15 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from point KERIS at 1130 hours and exiting from 5NM north of point TOSCA at 1250 hours without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 16 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from 8NM south of point EVENO at 1455 hours and exiting from 9NM north of point EVENO at 1524 hours without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 17 March 2012, one Cougar Turkish military helicopter violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 0841 and 1000 hours without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 17 March 2012, one Cougar Turkish military helicopter violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1425 and 1548 hours without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 19 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from 12NM east of point DOREN at 1422 hours and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1427 and

1440 hours (landing time) without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. The same aircraft again violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1538 hours (take-off time) and 1547 hours and the international air traffic regulations by flying within the Nicosia FIR between 1547 and 1554 hours until exiting from point DOREN without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 19 March 2012, one Cougar Turkish military helicopter violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1619 and 1638 hours without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 19 March 2012, four F-16 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from 45NM east of point VESAR at 1331 hours and, after a fly-over the southern segment of the Cyprus Exclusive Economic Zone at altitudes ranging from 500 to 3,000 feet, exited from 57NM east of point VESAR at 1512 hours without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. No Friend or Foe codes were detected.

On 21 March 2012, one Cougar Turkish military helicopter violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 0825 and 0947 hours without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 21 March 2012, one Cougar Turkish military helicopter violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1316 and 1415 hours without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 21 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from point KERIS at 1424 hours and exiting from point TOSCA at 1519 hours, without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 21 March 2012, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from 15NM east of point DOREN at 1114 hours and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1119 and 1130 hours (landing time) without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. The same aircraft again violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1653 hours (take-off time) and 1701 hours and international air traffic regulations by flying within the Nicosia FIR between 1701 and 1707 hours until exiting from point DOREN without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 22 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from point TOMBI at 0924 hours and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1028 and 1046 hours (landing time) without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. The same aircraft again violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1252 hours (take-off time) and 1313 hours and the international air traffic regulations by flying within the Nicosia FIR between 1313 and 1403 hours until exiting from point TOMBI without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 22 March 2012, one Cougar Turkish military helicopter violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 0955 and 1015 hours without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 22 March 2012, one Cougar Turkish military helicopter violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1212 and 1522 hours without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 26 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from point KERIS at 1138 hours and exiting from point TOSCA at 1240 hours, without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 26 March 2012, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from 15NM east of point DOREN at 1322 hours and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1337 and 1349 hours (landing time) without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. The same aircraft again violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1430 hours (take-off time) and 1440 hours and the international air traffic regulations by flying within the Nicosia FIR between 1440 and 1448 hours until exiting from point DOREN without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 26 March 2012, one Cougar Turkish military helicopter violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from 17NM east of point DOREN at 1204 hours and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1217 and 1344 hours (landing time) without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. The same helicopter again violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1400 hours (take-off time) and 1502 hours and the international air traffic regulations by flying within the Nicosia FIR between 1502 and 1509 hours until exiting from point DOREN without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 26 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from 35NM west of point TOMBI at 1635 hours and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1715 and 1733 hours (landing time) without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 27 March 2012, one Cougar Turkish military helicopter violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1545 and 1632 hours without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 27 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC between 0942 and 1315 hours. In addition, the aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC by flying within the Nicosia FIR between 0957 and 1207 hours, including a fly-over of the southern segment of the Cyprus Exclusive Economic Zone at altitudes ranging from 1,700 to 5,500 feet.

On 27 March 2012, four F-4 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from 35NM south of point DOREN at 1358 hours and exiting at 1432 hours, without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. No Friend or Foe codes were detected.

On 28 March 2012, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from point DOREN at 1005 hours and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1012 and 1025 hours

(landing time) without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. The same aircraft again violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1113 hours (take-off time) and 1123 hours and the international air traffic regulations by flying within the Nicosia FIR between 1123 and 1129 hours until exiting from point DOREN without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 28 March 2012, one B-200 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from 10NM east of point DOREN at 1126 hours and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1131 and 1146 hours (landing time) without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. The same aircraft again violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1502 hours (take-off time) and 1512 hours and the international air traffic regulations by flying within the Nicosia FIR between 1512 and 1518 hours until exiting from point DOREN without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 28 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC between 0945 and 1420 hours. The aircraft also violated international air traffic regulations, without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC, by flying within the Nicosia FIR between 0959 and 1402 hours, including a fly-over of the southern segment of the Cyprus Exclusive Economic Zone at altitudes ranging from 1,600 to 2,600 feet.

On 29 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 0914 and 0925 hours, without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC, and violated international air traffic regulations by flying within the Nicosia FIR between 0925 and 0940 hours, until exiting from 35NM south of point DOREN without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 29 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from 7NM east of point DOREN at 1201 hours and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1208 and 1222 hours (landing time) without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. The same aircraft again violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1332 hours (take-off time) and 1343 hours and international air traffic regulations by flying within the Nicosia FIR between 1343 and 1349 hours until exiting from point DOREN without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 29 March 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from point DOREN at 1410 hours and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1420 and 1434 hours (landing time) without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. The same aircraft again violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1549 hours (take-off time) and 1600 hours and international air traffic regulations by flying within the Nicosia FIR between 1600 and 1605 hours until exiting from point DOREN without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 29 March 2012, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from point DOREN at 1452 hours and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1459 and 1512 hours (landing time) without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. The same aircraft again violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1732 hours (take-off time) and 1741 hours and the international air traffic regulations by

flying within the Nicosia FIR between 1741 and 1748 hours until exiting from point DOREN without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 29 March 2012, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations by entering Nicosia FIR from point DOREN at 1448 hours and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1454 and 1505 hours (landing time) without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC. The same aircraft again violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus between 1744 hours (take-off time) and 1751 hours and the international air traffic regulations by flying within the Nicosia FIR between 1751 and 1756 hours until exiting from point DOREN without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC.

On 30 March 2012, one Cougar Turkish military helicopter violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting Nicosia ACC between 0955 and 1055 hours.

On behalf of my Government, I strongly protest for the continuing violations by Turkey of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus and call for their immediate cessation.

Such systematic abuses by Turkey of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus blatantly violate international law and air traffic regulations and seriously compromise international aviation safety in the greater region. This is particularly disconcerting in the context of the recent military threats by Turkey against Cyprus, related to low altitude activity in my country's Exclusive Economic Zone, as well as recent statements by high-level Turkish officials threatening annexation of the occupied part of Cyprus.

Cyprus, once again, calls upon the Turkish Government to abide by the Charter of the United Nations and its international obligations and to respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of all States Members of the United Nations. Rather than pursuing this decidedly provocative path, Turkey should heed the call of the international community and act in a constructive spirit to create the necessary conditions for reaching a viable solution to the Cyprus problem, in accordance with the agreed basis for such a solution, endorsed by numerous Security Council resolutions.

The persistence of the above-mentioned violations is particularly counterproductive at the present juncture of negotiations in search of a just, lasting and peaceful solution to the Cyprus problem. In this context, we reiterate our call to the Turkish Government to act constructively in support of efforts aimed at reaching a viable solution to the Cyprus problem, in accordance with the agreed basis for such a solution, endorsed by numerous Security Council resolutions.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 43, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nicholas **Emiliou**